

COUNTYWIDE RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

January 4, 2016
MEETING NOTES

Present: Morton Davis, Wesley Japp [via phone], Renee Katz, Paul Lofgren [via phone], Mark Pharaoh, Ingrid Pufahl, Chris Richardson, Felecia Wilson, Gabe Albornoz [Rec], Jeff Bourne [Rec], Susan Hoffmann [Rec], Robin Riley [Rec]

Absent: Joy Barrow, Dave Magill, Vernard McBeth, Michael Waters, Cynthia Bangali [MCPS], Tony DeVaul [Park Police], Susan Hartung [Commission on Disabilities], Ron Maxson [CUPF], John Nissel [Parks], Mike Riley [Parks],

Guests: Rajesh Kothary, Mahendra Sapa, Ginny Gong [CUPF], Julie Allbrooks [Parks]

Chris Richardson called the meeting to order.

The Agenda and December meeting notes were approved unanimously.

ICB/Community Use of Public Facilities Fund Balance – Ginny Gong

- An overview of CUPF and ICB's enterprise fund was presented. Ms. Gong explained the fees and that there were no increases planned for the future.
- There currently is a surplus of \$3.5 million. the ICB will report on the surplus and identify how best to use it. Any expenditures must be one-time in nature. They will look at putting something in at a middle school; something with more community use, because of less school demand.
- Q&A followed
- Ms. Gong will provide her report to staff for distribution to the Board

Rec Update – Gabe Albornoz

- The Washington Post recently ran an article on Pickleball, a sport that has become hugely popular with the senior community. Arlington County is in the process of relining their gyms since the interest has exploded. Montgomery County Recreation will be kicking off our Pickleball program at Longwood Recreation Center tomorrow at 10am.
- A gentleman in Poolesville has built an artificial ice rink and has invited people to use it. The house and property he rents is in the Agricultural Reserve and zoning does not permit that use. The owner will be appearing on the Today show tomorrow. Parks and Montgomery County Permitting will meet with him to find a win/win solution.
- Recreation has placed a bid on the old Silver Spring Library property. Rec has very little presence in downtown Silver Spring. The County Executive has identified the site for senior housing with a senior fitness facility on the first floor.
- We are planning a low key event to celebrate high schools that win state championships. A meeting will be convened in the Spring.
- Montgomery County Recreation will be recognized for three NRPA awards this year. We have received 16 awards in the last 8 years.
- Susan Hoffmann

- Reminded the Board about the 100 Mile Challenge [presentation was made at December meeting] and the Challenge Kickoff on January 20.
- All Board members are invited to sign up and to attend Kickoff at Holiday Park Senior Center
- Robin Riley
 - Camp guides will deliver on January 7 and registration opens on January 19.
 - Longbranch Community Recreation Center will host futsal kickoff on Friday night.
 - East County Community Recreation Center is hosting an eight-week Fashion Boot Camp for boys, girls, and our therapeutic recreation clients. Ages served are middle and high school. Both kids and parents are delighted. At the end of the program a fashion show will be held on March 11.
- Jeff Bourne
 - Germantown Community Recreation Center
 - Work on the gym floor was done on or about December 11
 - Social hall floor was redone last week in March or the first week in April
 - While we would like to do all the work during the time our facilities are closed, due to limited contractors' staff, the work cannot all be done at the same time.
 - Distributed CIP Status Report and the Recreation Capital Budget/CIP
- No Montgomery County Parks report
- Cricket in Montgomery County – Mahendra Sapa and Rajesh Kothary
 - Powerpoint presentation
 - They run and coach Charity Cricket
 - Their cricket camp is in the Camp Guide
 - There are opportunities for youngsters to learn cricket at our Summer Fun Centers
 - Q&A followed
- Due to the lateness of the hour, Gabe decided to present the Recreation 3-Year Strategic Planning Process at the February meeting.

Local Board Reports

- Eastern County, Mark Pharaoh – no report
- Mid County, Paul Lofgren – no report
- Upper County, Vernard McBeth – absent

Ex Officio Reports

- Community Use of Public Facilities, Ginny Gong – report was included in presentation
- Commission on Aging – [VACANT]
- MCPS, Cynthia Bangali, Office of Community Engagement & Partnerships – absent
- Commission on People with Disabilities, Susan Hartung – absent
- M-NCPPC Police – Tony DeVaul – absent

Old/New Business – Chris Richardson

- Ingrid Pufahl spoke about the death of a cyclist hit by a motorist on Viers Mill Road and hoped that this tragedy would move up the installation of better light at that pedestrian crossing.
- Gabe offered that this was an appropriate topic for the Board and that he could invite the County and State Directors of Transportation, Park and Planning staff, and others as the Board directs.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.